

CONGRATULATING THE 2005 PENN HIGH SCHOOL SPELL BOWL TEAM ON WINNING THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. CHRIS CHOCOLA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2006

Mr. CHOCOLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 2005 Penn High School Spell Bowl Team on winning its seventh consecutive Indiana State Championship on November 12, 2005.

This incredible team won all six of its invitational competitions in 2005, as well as eight consecutive regional championships.

The Penn High School Spell Bowl Team has been unbeaten since the beginning of the 1999 season, winning a State-best 44 consecutive competition championships.

The 2005 Penn High School Spell Bowl team members are Carolyn Chang, Jenny DeVito, Linda Huang, Josh Kelver, Kelsey McClure, Calvin Molnar, Jasmyrn Russell, Kurt Vanlandingham, Yeona Chun, Sarah Han, Eunice Jeong, Sarah Kiefer, Adam McGinn, Vik Rao, Courtney Stuck, Justin Villa, Ashika David, Alvin Hu, Virginian Johnson, Alissa Kish, Laura McGinn, Brendan Roberts, Naoko Sugama, and Abby Walton.

The team is coached by Pete De Kever.

Mr. Speaker, this amazing team deserves our admiration, but without the support and help of their parents, these young men and women would not have been able to accomplish these great things, so I stand here to congratulate them as well.

On behalf of the citizens of the Second Congressional District of Indiana, I congratulate the Penn High School Spell Bowl Team on winning the 2005 Indiana State Spell Bowl Championships.

IN HONOR OF THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS, POST 579 OF SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH OF LAKEWOOD, OHIO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of all members past and present, of the Catholic War Veterans, Post 579, as they commemorate sixty years of unity, honor and steadfast service to our community and to our country.

The members of the Catholic War Veterans, Post 579, reflect a legacy of support and friendship for United States Veterans and their families. Their individual and collective service is framed in honor, integrity, courage and great sacrifice. The Catholic War Veterans, representing all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces, is a brethren of soldiers connected by triumph, tragedy and is held aloft by friendship, faith and community.

Led by Post Commander and WWII Veteran John Sterba, the Catholic War Veterans volun-

teer their time and efforts to ensure that the memory and service of the men and women who served our country, will never be forgotten. Every Memorial Day for the past fifty-four years, nearly 14,000 American Flags mark the graves of veterans laid to rest at Holy Cross Cemetery—a unified community endeavor organized and carried out annually by the Catholic War Veterans and volunteers from local churches.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the 60th Anniversary of the Catholic War Veterans, Post 579, of SS. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church. Unwavering service and deep sacrifice personifies the duty of our United States Veterans, forever reflecting humankind's innate struggle and quest for peace, justice and resolution—and their individual and collective contribution to our Nation will be remembered for all time.

TRIBUTE TO WILSON HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an extraordinary group of students and their dedicated teacher and mentor. They are one of the American Government classes from Wilson High School and will represent the state of South Carolina in the national We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution Mock Congressional Hearing Competition. That event will be held here in Washington, DC during the month of April. Located in Florence, South Carolina, Wilson High School is one of the outstanding public schools I proudly represent in this body.

These young scholars have worked diligently to reach the national finals and through their experiences have gained profound knowledge and understanding of the fundamental principles and values of our constitutional democracy.

The students are: Jordan Berry, Robert Bonanno, Alyssa Carver, Kevin Cielo, Alexx Diera, Amanda Fan, Jessica Frieson, Carrie Goforth, Meagan Harley, James Howell, David Hubbs, Praveen Jacob, Challis King, Amit Om, Bradley Orr, Louis Palles, Robert Razick, Daniel Schuetz, and Ana Weiland.

In addition, I would like to commend their teacher, Yvonne Rhodes, who deserves much of the credit for the success of the class. This is the third time Mrs. Rhoads has led a team of Wilson High Students to these national competitions. We certainly hope for their continued success. Also worthy of special recognition is Beth DeHart, the state coordinator, and Marsha Burch, the district coordinator, who are among those responsible for implementing the We the People program in my district.

We the People is one of the most extensive educational programs in the country specifically developed to educate young people about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The three-day national competition is modeled after congressional hearings and they consist of oral presentations by the high school stu-

dents before a panel of judges. The students' testimony is followed by a period of questioning by the simulated congressional committee. The judges probe students for their depth of understanding and ability to apply their constitutional knowledge.

Findings suggest that national finalists are less cynical about politics and public officials and participate in politics at a higher rate than do their peers. Administered by the Center for Civic Education, the We the People program has provided curriculum materials at the upper elementary, middle, and high school levels for more than 26.5 million students nationwide. Members of Congress and our staffs enhance the program by discussing current constitutional issues with students and teachers and by participating in other educational activities. As a former high school history teacher, I am pleased to know that this program provides students with a working knowledge of our Constitution, Bill of Rights, and the principles of our democratic government.

The class from Wilson High School is currently conducting research and preparing for the upcoming national competition in Washington, D.C. I wish these young scholars the best of luck at We the People's national finals and I look forward to greeting them when they visit the Capitol.

Mr. Speaker, please join me and my colleagues as we congratulate these young scholars from Wilson High School as they compete in this national civics competition.

RECOGNIZING MURRAY UFBERG AS HE IS HONORED BY THE FRIENDS OF SCOUTING OF THE NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2006

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Attorney Murray Ufberg, of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, who is being honored by the Friends of Scouting of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Ufberg was chosen by the Friends of Scouting for this honor due to his years of community service and civic leadership.

Mr. Ufberg is the managing partner of the law firm of Rosenn, Jenkins and Greenwald, L.L.P. He currently serves on the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Independent Regulatory Review Commission.

He is a member of the board of trustees of College Misericordia, the board of directors of WVIA-TV/FM and he serves as the chairman of the Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. Ufberg also serves on the boards of directors of the Jewish Federation, the Jewish Community Center of Wyoming Valley and Penn's Northeast, Inc. He is a member of the Luzerne County Advisory Committee to the Pennsylvania Economy League and of the Keystone College President's Advisory Council.

Mr. Ufberg has served as chairman of the United Way of Wyoming Valley's General Campaign in 1990 and he served on and chaired the board of directors of the United Way. He is a past chairman of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry and he chaired the Luzerne County Business Roundtable.

He is past president of Congregation Ohav Zedek, the Jewish Community Center and the Jewish Federation of Greater Wilkes-Barre. He also served as president of the Seligman J. Strauss Lodge and he was past president of the Duquesne University School of Law Alumni Association of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Mr. Ufberg has been a practicing attorney in the Wyoming Valley for 37 years. He is admitted to practice law before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, the Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas and various federal courts. He is a member of the Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association and the Pennsylvania and American Bar Associations. He graduated from Wyoming Seminary and received degrees from Bucknell University and the Duquesne University School of Law.

Mr. Ufberg resides in Kingston, Pennsylvania, with his wife, Margery Ann. They are the parents of three children.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. Ufberg on this auspicious occasion. His commitment to community service has helped improve the quality of life in the greater Wyoming Valley and it is fitting that the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council, Boy Scouts of America, recognizes his contributions.

CONGRATULATING MS. ALLY
CLARDY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Ally Clardy for being named to the 2006 University Interscholastic League Class 2A All-Tournament team for girl's basketball. Ms. Clardy helped lead Argyle to its first state championship in any team sport with the 51-33 victory over Wall in the Texas State Championship Game.

In addition to being an outstanding team member, Ms. Clardy was selected the tournament's "Most Valuable Player" honor by scoring 20 points in the Texas State Championship Game. She also contributed 14 points in the state semifinal game.

Ally Clardy has illustrated her talent and team spirit. She is very deserving to be named as a member of the All-Tournament team.

I extend my sincere congratulations to Ms. Ally Clardy on receiving this award and praise her dedication to help fellow teammates, her sport, and her school.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
OTHMAN SHEMA, M.D.

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Othman Shemisa,

MD., Ph.D, for his dedication and concern for families and individuals in need, here in Cleveland and miles beyond.

Dr. Shemisa was recently honored by the Islamic Center of Cleveland for his volunteer efforts in assisting the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Last September, Dr. Shemisa traveled to New Orleans, where he lived for more than a month, volunteering his time and medical expertise to heal the women, men and children who had been left injured or sick in the wake of the devastating storm.

Dr. Shemisa's professional excellence, integrity and contribution is reflected throughout his family medical practice, as well as within the research and academic community, where he has served as professor, lecturer and researcher. Moreover, Dr. Shemisa's unwavering focus on assisting the most vulnerable members of our society—our poor and disenfranchised citizens, has uplifted the lives of countless families and individuals throughout the Cleveland area. His focus on outreach and advocacy is clearly evidenced throughout Cleveland's Arab American community, where he is an active member and leader.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Dr. Othman Shemisa, whose willingness to help those in need and sincere concern for others reflects America's greatest legacy—our generous and compassionate citizenry. Dr. Shemisa's medical expertise, energy and efforts in giving back to the community serves to strengthen the very foundation that unifies our Cleveland community, reflecting hope for a better tomorrow for each and every one of us.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BILL BOYD

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bill Boyd who died on December 21, 2005. Bill will be remembered for his contributions to the Southern Nevada Officials Association as a baseball umpire and to the youth of Henderson and Las Vegas as a mentor and friend.

Bill began his career as an umpire in San Diego, where he was president and instructional chair-person of the Baseball Umpires Association from 1986 to 1993. He was also a football coach at three different high schools in the San Diego area. His most famed pupil was current NFL player John Lynch, whom he coached at Torrey Pines High School in Del Mar, California. In 1995, Bill moved with his family to Henderson and began serving as an umpire. He umpired Division I collegiate baseball in the Mountain West conference and the Western Athletic Conference, and was an alternate umpire for the Las Vegas 51s.

Youth Baseball, however, was his passion. Bill could be seen at almost every youth play-off game or tournament in the area. He umpired at the American Legion World Series and many other youth sporting events, including football around the Las Vegas Valley. He cared for everyone around him and showed it through his dedicated service and good example, on and off the field.

Mr. Speaker, today, as I stand on the floor of the House, I am honored for the opportunity

to pay tribute to Bill Boyd and the great life that he lived.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. SHEILA
TOMLIN-REID

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2006

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I ask today that we recognize Dr. Sheila Tomlin-Reid, a distinguished member of the Brooklyn community. I am honored to pay tribute to this outstanding leader and I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing her impressive accomplishments.

Dr. Sheila Tomlin-Reid excelled in her education earning both a Masters of Science Degree in School Administration, Supervision and Leadership from Touro College School of Education and Psychology in New York City and a Masters of Science Degree and Advanced Post Graduate certificate in Guidance and Counseling from Brooklyn College of the City University of New York. In addition, she received a Doctorate in Education from Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Dr. Sheila Tomlin-Reid has worked with energy and dedication for many years as an Assistant Principal with the Department of Education at FDNY High School for Fire and Life Safety. Her passion and concern for New York's youth inspired her to found The Tomlin Foundation in 2003. Dr. Reid, who is currently CEO of the foundation, established the foundation to commemorate the life and visions of Elliott and Michael Tomlin. The foundation strives to provide educational scholarships to inner-city youth, which financially assists their goals and educational pursuits. The foundation also provides mentorship programs and health awareness programs to inner-city children and community residents.

Dr. Reid is an active member of the community, especially in the area of health and wellness of women. Dr. Reid is a member of the Professional Women's Speaker Bureau which specializes in seminars, workshops and counseling designed to motivate women to increase self-esteem, personal and professional development, business etiquette and leadership skills. She is also a member of the Women's Caucus of Edolphus Towns Organization and a member of Calvary U.F.W Baptist Church in Brooklyn.

Dr. Sheila Tomlin-Reid is a phenomenal role model to not only the women of our community, but to our community as a whole. She has worked to better the lives of women and young children with contagious persistence. Her passionate and sensitivity deserves our thanks and for that I ask that we applaud Dr. Reid's outstanding achievements in our community.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the accomplishments of Dr. Sheila Tomlin-Reid, as she offers her talents and community services for the good of our local communities.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Sheila Tomlin-Reid selfless service has continuously demonstrated a level of altruistic dedication that makes her most worthy of our recognition today.